

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, 22, 38, and 39 are pending. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16, 18-35, and 37 were rejected. Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, and 22 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-21, and 23-37 have been canceled. Claims 38 and 39 are new. As amended and canceled, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Kimberly Lovel for the time which she spent on June 2, 2009, discussing the outstanding office action with Applicants' attorney, Marc E. Brown, over the telephone.

Proposed claim amendments and remarks were discussed, a copy of which is attached hereto. The examiner stated that these amendments appear to overcome the rejections which had been made, subject to a final review and updated search. Applicants' attorney agreed to present these amendments in a formal document and to ensure that the substance of all limitations in amended claim 1 appear in the remaining claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16, 18-35, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chin et al. (U.S. PG-Pub 2002/0120561) ("Chin") in view of Palmer (U.S. Patent No. 5,787,443) and Milovina-Meyer et al. (U.S. PG-Pub 2005/0075995) ("Milovina"). Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, and 22 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-21, and 23-37 have been canceled. As amended and canceled, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 1 is the same as the amended claim 1 which the examiner stated during the interview to overcome this rejection. Applicant relies upon the remarks provide for that interview (including the support cited for the amendment), a copy of which is attached.

Amended claim 16 is a system counterpart to amended claim 1. As promised during the interview with the examiner, it contains the substance of the limitations in amended claim 1.

The remaining claims are dependent upon amended claim 1 or 16 and thus are also patentable in view of the applied references.

New Claims

Claim 38 is new, dependent upon amended claim 1, and is the same as the new claim 38 which the examiner indicated appeared to be allowable during the interview. Applicant again relies upon the remarks provide for that interview, a copy of which is attached.

Claim 39 is new and is a system counterpart to new claim 38. It contains the substance of all of the limitations in new claim 38.

Amendment to Title

The title has been amended to better describe the invention.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper or any other paper or matter in this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 501946, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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